In addition to the above, there is another request for grant of long-term coal linkage for 6 MW Co-generation project of Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board at Kawardha, received on 30-7-2004.

The Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term), an Inter-Ministerial Committee, in its meeting held on11-5-2006 considered the proposals for grant of coal linkage to Marwa TPS and Korba South. It was brought to the notice of the Committee that "Coal Block" had been allotted to Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board and therefore, the Committee did not consider these proposals for grant of long term coal linkage for these projects.

The proposals for grant of coal linkage to power project having capacity of 10 MW and below are not considered by the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) at present, as per the extant policy. Therefore, request for grant of coal linkage for Kawardha project having capacity of 6 MW has not been considered.

Coal mines closed in Chhindwada

†2423. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of coal mines which have been closed down during the last three years in District Chhindwada alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of labourers rendered unemployed as a result of closure of mines;

(c) if not, the details of the action taken to utilize the services of labourers;

(d) whether the proposals are under consideration to start Sharda and Haradol Coal mines at Pench/Kanhan areas at Chhindwada, M.P.; and

(e) if so, by when the same would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) One coal mine, namely, Bansi Under Ground (UG) mine has been closed down during the last three years in the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Chhindwada District. The mine has been closed down due to exhaustion of coal reserve.

(b) and (c) All the manpower of closed down Bansi Under Ground coal mine has been redeployed in other units within the Coal Company.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Sharda Under Ground is an identified project for XI Plan period. The detailed project report for Sharda UG is under preparation. The project is envisaged to start coal production from the year 2010-11, subject to approval of the project by the competent authority depending on its financial viability.

The extractable coal reserve at Haradol UG project is a meagre 0.50 million tonne and the property lies in between two major faults. Due to very bad geological conditions, very limited life, poor capacity of production as well as recent steep hike in price of forest land, the proposition is estimated to be highly loss-making. Due to these reasons, the block is not included in the present production plans of the Western Coalfields Limited.

Investments from abroad related to I & T

2424. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals came for investments from abroad to set up industries related to I & T since 2003;

(b) the details of quantity of investments materialized since 2003 till this financial year;

(c) the investments brought in by company-wise/country-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the investments received State-wise and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As per the data compiled by Department of Industrial Policy and promotion (DIPP) for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in IT Sector (Computer Software, Electronics, Computer Hardware and other Software